

Leaders Call For Evangelism Of The Americas

DALLAS (BP)—The president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, speaking to 8,000 Texas Baptists here, issued a challenge for Southern Baptists to take the lead in conducting an evangelism campaign covering the entire American Hemisphere in 1970.

Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, told the Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference of plans for a nation-wide Baptist evangelistic campaign in Brazil this year, and then said that the United States needs such a campaign even more than Brazil.

He suggested that Baptists of every country in South,

Central, and North America unite in 1970 for one, huge campaign of "And if we can't do it, why not a Evangelism in 1975," he said.

Lopes, pastor of the Vila Mariana Baptist Church of Sao Paulo for 24 years and president of the largest Baptist convention in South America, spoke immediately following a message by Southern Baptist Convention President

Wayne Dehoney, head of the largest North American Baptist Convention. Dehoney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., called for the SBC to end a period of self-analysis and criticism and launch the

greatest evangelistic and missionary offensive the world has ever known. Lopes added to Dehoney's plea. "If the Southern Baptist Convention went into an America-wide campaign in

1970 and a world-wide campaign in 1975, Baptists would have the money and manpower to make an impression on the world even greater than communism," Lopes said.

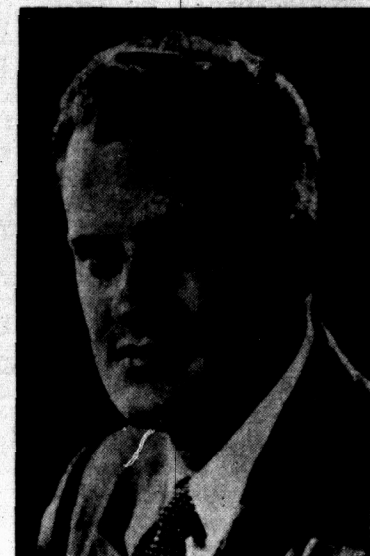
He said that the evangelism campaign in Brazil had already been so successful that it would be an even greater blessing to the other countries of America, including the United States.

Campaign Begins Jan. 31
The campaign in Brazil officially gets underway on Jan. 31 at the close of the Baptist Convention of Brazil meeting in Rio de Janeiro at a giant kick-off rally in a 200,000 seat stadium with Baptist World Alliance president Joao Soren as speaker.

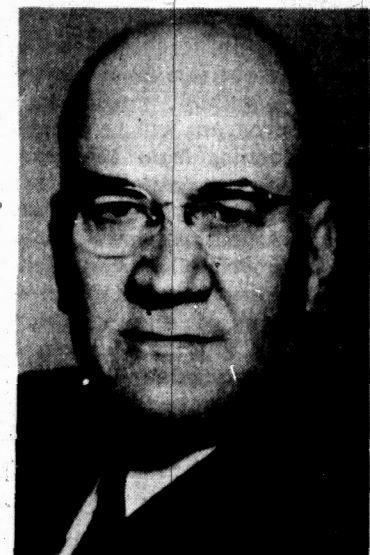
Revival meetings are scheduled in each of the 2,000 Baptist churches and missions of Brazil during March, April and May of 1965.

Lopes, who suggested the nation-wide Brazilian campaign in 1963 to Southern Baptist missionaries, said that the United States needs a similar campaign even more than Brazil for two main reasons. Neither are problems in Brazil, he said.

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Dr. Billy Graham



Dr. C. Oscar Johnson



Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs



Dr. Joao F. Soren



Dr. J. Ithel Jones

World Congress Speakers Told

Shown above are five of the headline speakers for the 11th Baptist World Congress, meeting at Miami Beach, USA, June 25-30. Dr. Joao F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will make the presidential address.

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and preacher on the Southern Baptist Radio Hour, will bring the keynote address.

Dr. John Ithel Jones of Cardiff, Wales, principal of the Southern Wales Baptist College, will preach the congress sermon.

Dr. Billy Graham, evangelist, will preach at two evening sessions in the Orange Bowl.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of Berkeley, Calif., past president of the Baptist World Alliance, will make the coronation address. Theodore F. Adams, chairman of the congress program committee, said that 51 nations are represented on the draft program.

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'Required' Rule Is Attacked

WASHINGTON (BP)—A member of the Federal Communications Commission is calling for reconsideration of the policies of the commission in regard to religious broadcasting.

"The time seems to be long past due for the FCC to analyze and reconsider its practices and doctrines in the light of the first amendment and to extend the constitutional principle and the great spirit of religious liberty to American broadcasting," he said.

Commissioner Lee Loevinger issued his challenge to the six other FCC commissioners in an address to the 22nd annual meeting of the National Religious Broadcasters.

The National Religious Broadcasters is an organization of persons who use radio and television for the advance of their religion. They follow closely the National Association of Evangelicals.

In his speech Loevinger reviewed the history of Supreme Court decisions relating to religious liberty and separation of church and state. His conclusion was that the constitution restrains government of all categories and all the agents of government from intruding into the religious life of the nation. He pointed out that the position of government in regard to religion is one of neutrality.

The whole tenor of the Supreme Court decisions, in relation to religious liberty, Loevinger said, is to forbid government from requiring or regulating religion.

At the present time it is the policy of the Federal Communications Commission to require religious programming when broadcasters seek licenses or renewal of licenses.

The commissioner reported that the Federal Communications Commission "has stated that his judgment of religious programming is not based on the percentage of time devoted to religion, and that 'The percentages are not so important as the content and make-up of the over-all program category.'"

He added that the commission has preferred applicants on the basis of its analysis of the content of their proposed religious programs. Also it has imposed a demerit against others because

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DEHONEY TO APPEAR ON STATEWIDE TV

DR. WAYNE DEHONEY of Jackson, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver a major 30-minute address on Station WLBT (Channel 3), Jackson, Miss., Feb. 21 at 5:00 P. M. Dr. Dehoney (center) chats with Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, (right) and Rev. Elmer Howell, state Brotherhood secretary, soon after he completed the videotaping of the address on Friday afternoon of last week at the WLBT studios. The tape will be offered to other television and radio stations in the state for later use, Dr. Quarles said. The address by Dr. Dehoney is being sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, under the leadership of the Brotherhood Department.

Religious Leaders Agree On Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (BP)—Protestant and Catholic spokesmen testified in general support of President Johnson's \$1.25 billion program of aid to education. The support ranged all the way from cautious to enthusiastic endorsement. All agreed that public funds should not be used for religious education and indoctrination.

Appearing before a House of Representatives subcommittee on education were seven Protestant leaders and four Roman Catholic spokesmen. Notably absent were the bitter conflicts over aid to parochial schools that has been one of the major stumbling blocks in aid to education proposals of recent years.

Rep. Hugh L. Carey (D., N.Y.) characterized the event as "A Day of Aggravation." "Aggravamento" is the term used by Vatican Council II to express its efforts at reform, of updating the Roman Catholic Church. The New York congressman, a Roman Catholic himself, has been one of the chief objectors to education aid because it did not provide help for parochial schools.

Protestants and Catholics alike were high in their praise of the progress seen in the current education proposals in resolving the religious liberty and church-state dilemma that plagued earlier proposals.

Formerly the Catholics stood firmly opposed to all education plans that did not include parochial schools. Equally adamant were the Protestants in their insistence that public funds be used for public purposes.

The common meeting ground is that no public funds shall be used for religious instruction or aid to church schools but that pupils in private schools can be constitutionally aided with certain

services by public agencies.

None of the witnesses thought that the present proposed program is a perfect solution to the education needs of the nation. But they did agree that it represents a major breakthrough in the religious issue and in help to the nation's needy pupils.

Baptists Testify
Testifying for the Protestants were C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Arthur S.

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BY ANNUITY BOARD—

Health Program Set

DALLAS, Tex. (BP)—A health program to be administered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and to be underwritten by Group Hospital Services, Inc. of Dallas was approved by trustees during their 47th annual meeting here.

The health program which will be offered to ministers, church and denominational employees was one of three recommendations the trustees approved; R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the board, said.

The trustees also authorized the board of institute electronic data processing as soon as possible, and to credit 4 per cent to actual reserves in the pooled plans and 4 per cent to purchased plans, the highest ever paid. Previous highs were in 1963, when 4 and 4 per cent were credited to the respective plans.

Reed said the health program will provide plans to offer hospitalization - surgical - major medical benefits.

He said the board will direct the promotion of the program and will bill members for dues. Group hospital services (Blue Cross - Blue Shield), the underwriting company, will handle and pay all claims.

Reed said a special committee of the Baptist Hospital Association has worked cooperatively for over ten years with the Annuity Board to bring about this health program.

The committee, whose chairman is Frank Groner, business administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., recommended the board's health program to the association during its meeting in Chicago in January.

Reed said details of the program is now being drafted with promotion of it to start in early spring. The board hopes to have the health program in operation by October

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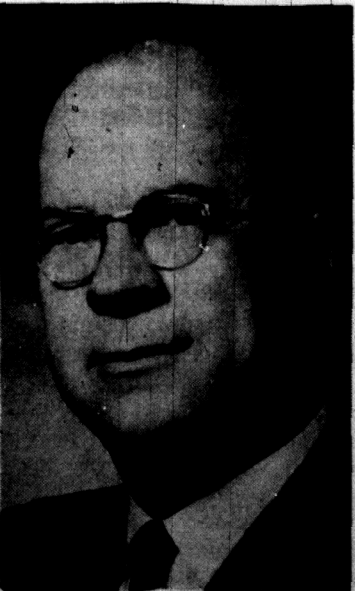
The health program is one phase of the Annuity Board's protection program structure adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1962.

Work Highlighted
Reed said the recommendation to install Electronic Data Processing followed an extensive study which was made to

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Baptist Layman Gets Foundation Award

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, was one of three outstanding Mississippi citizens receiving the First Federal Foundation Award, presented by the Uni-



Owen Cooper

versity of Mississippi, on Saturday evening, January 30.

Others receiving the award were Dr. Arthur Clifton Guyton of Jackson, and Miss Eudora Welty of Jackson.

In the citation attention was called to Mr. Cooper's activities in the church and denomination, as well as his services in business, and civic affairs in the state.

Concerning his church activities the citation read, "Owen Cooper has a long history of leadership in the fields of business, church and civic affairs."

"A Baptist lay preacher, Mr. Cooper has held major positions in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention." Two of his outstanding contributions to his church have been in encouraging lay participation in denominational

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STATEMENT GIVEN BY S. S. BOARD

NASHVILLE — The members of the elected Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville on January 25 and 26, 1965, have been fully advised by the administration of the agency regarding the unintentional error listing certain inappropriate books in The Training Union Quarterly for Young People seventeen through twenty-four years of age in the third quarter of 1964.

This elected board has also been fully advised regarding the steps taken concerning involved personnel and procedures responsible for permitting such a situation to arise. We have been further fully advised concerning the information that has been made

public by the administration in response to inquiries. In addition, we have been shown that every individual letter written on the subject in earnest inquiry has had a reply. The situation was previously reviewed with us in our July, 1964, meeting, and in subsequent executive committee meetings.

This board joins with Dr. James L. Sullivan of the administration and with involved personnel of the agency in expressing deepest regret over the occurrence, recognition that the error was unintentional, satisfaction that appropriate steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence, and understanding that the books at issue have never

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'Prayerlift' Is Answer To Plea

MEMPHIS (BP)—An appeal to pray for the success of the nationwide Brazilian Baptist Revivals has been accepted in behalf of church brotherhoods by the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission here.

"This is an opportunity for Christian men to show concern for people in other lands in an unusual way," said George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the commission.

The prayer project, expected to involve thousands of churches with brotherhoods, has been titled "Operation Prayerlift." It will be conducted March through May, during which time the Bra-

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE
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Nursing Preview Day Planned For Gilfoy School

A "Preview of Nursing Day" will be held by the faculty and students of the Gilfoy School of Nursing, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, in Jackson on Saturday, February 6.

Registration time is 9:30 a.m. in the School of Nursing lobby. This activity is being planned to acquaint persons interested in a nursing career with the curriculum available in this institution.

The program will be opened by welcomes from Mr. Paul Pryor, hospital administrator; Mrs. Mary Holyfield, director of the School of Nursing, and Miss Rebecca Geiger, student body president. An informal discussion of the different phases of student life and school curriculum will be given by a faculty-student panel. Entertainment will be provided by a student group.

Following the program, tours of the new school and dormitory facilities will be offered to answer any questions concerning the program.

The day's events will be concluded at 1:00 p.m. by a dutch-treat luncheon held in the hospital cafeteria. Advance registration is necessary for those planning to attend the luncheon.

Invitations to "Preview of Nursing" have been sent to junior and senior high school counselors, pastors, and interested students throughout the state. Any other persons interested in attending should contact Mrs. Mary Holyfield, Gilfoy School of Nursing, 1121 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi, before February 3rd.

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been stocked in Baptist book stores.

We also reaffirm our confidence in the administration and in the personnel of the Sunday School Board as to their dedication to God's task and to the objectives of the agency as stated by the Southern Baptist Convention. We appreciate the magnitude of the publication and education tasks of the agency, and the multitude of possibilities for misunderstanding or mistake. Through the years, there have been remarkably few significant errors. For this we are thankful to God and grateful to careful and proficient personnel. It is our prayer that future publications and educational programs will continue inasmuch as is humanly possible with the help of the Holy Spirit to be free from human flaws, to be Biblically based, doctrinally sound, and always honoring God.

Leaders Call For - -

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"There are two big fists pointed at the Baptist heart in the United States," he said. "One is Catholicism, the other is modernism."

He charged that the Catholic hierarchy is staging a long-range effort to take charge and dominate the United States. "You don't believe this?" he asked. Then he answered: "How naive you are."

Later, in an interview, Lopes explained that he saw two "terrible methods" Catholics are using in the United States to gain control: First, by influencing and interfering in the nation's public schools system; and second by stimulating a high birth rate among their church members.

"In the next 100 years, through schools and large families the Catholics will take control of the United States because they realize that the child of today will become the leader of tomorrow," Lopes declared.

Lopes expressed disgust because the Second Vatican Council split over the religious liberty issue and tabled the matter indefinitely.

"But I am, not here to say that Baptists should be anti-Catholic," he said. "God is Love and we should love Catholics and all other people. He told the Texas Evangelism Conference that the United States is the fortress of the gospel of the world. 'If that fortress should fall, woe unto us,' he said."

About 16 out of every 100 teen-age girls are now married.



First, Brookhaven, Stresses Standards

Travis Tadlock (far left) Sunday School Supt., presents the last of three Primary Standards to Mrs. Altus Holmes while Donald H. Holton (far right) minister of education, presents the last of four Beginner standards to Mrs. Roy Adams. Now all seven of the Beginner and Primary Departments are Standard. Next to Mrs. Holmes are Primary Supts. Mrs. R. S. Nowlin and Mrs. C. F. Patterson. (fifth from left) Mrs. Orle Price, Be-

ginner - Primary Coordinator holds up the challenge for all other units and the entire school. The school lacks only an increase in enrollment to match its resident church membership to achieve this goal. The Adult Thrust has been adopted to begin in February and will surely add the needed drive. The Standard Beginner Department Superintendents (left of Mrs. Price) are Mrs. Lewis Wallace (first time Supt. of a new dept.), Mrs. Walter Smith and Mrs. Virgil Smith. The above represents seven of the church's 25 standard units for this year. This standard emphasis has led the church in requesting 475 training awards of which 189 are in Category 17. Dr. Bob N. Ramsay is pastor.

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Episcopalians Commend Baptists

Health Program - -

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find the most feasible and economical method for operating the board's program.

In his report to the trustees, Reed highlighted the board's work during 1964. He said \$3,450,470 was paid in benefits to annuitants. Some \$182,558 of this amount went to relief beneficiaries. This brought the total paid in benefits by the board since its beginning in 1918, to more than \$47,000,000.

Reed said funds held in trust for more than 35,000 ministers, church and denominational employees rose to \$135,354,421, an increase of \$15,807,642 over 1963.

Last year, 1392 persons and 589 churches joined the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, a slight decrease from 1963, Reed said. This decrease had been expected, however, Reed added.

Reed said 125 of the 176 agencies in the convention now have retirement plans for their employees, an increase of seven over 1963.

Relief beneficiaries decreased from 722 in 1963, to 645, Reed said.

The 138th Annual Council of the Diocese of Mississippi of the Episcopal Church, meeting January 21 at the Parish of the Redeemer in Biloxi, adopted a resolution commending Baptists of this state.

In part, the resolution stated "that this Council commend our Christian brethren of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the forthright resolution adopted by them at their recent Convention meeting in Jackson, wherein they deplore acts of violence and lawlessness, commend law enforcement agencies in seeking to prevent such, and commend the inter-denominational Committee of Concern for its action. We affirm those things so said in said resolution as being wholly in accord with our convictions."

"By this resolution we commend the Committee of Concern for its efforts to restore property of our fellow Christians which has been shamefully damaged or destroyed."



Mrs. Lowery Compere

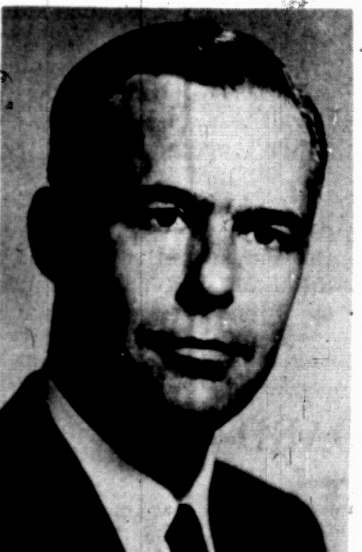
February 8-11 has been designated as Focus Week on the campus of Gilfoy school of Nursing, Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

The theme of the four day observance will be "In All Thy ways—God" Miss Barbara Lewis, of Lena, and Miss Sylvia Gipson, of Jackson, are serving as general chairmen.

A city-wide fellowship is planned for Sunday Feb. 7 in the hospital cafeteria at 9 P. M. and local college students are invited.

Morning watch will be from 6 — 6:20 each morning. Throughout the week, team members will be invited to speak in the various classes. Services each evening, in the school amphitheatre will begin at 6 P.M. Buzz session and personal conferences are scheduled in the dormitory.

Team members include Miss Marjane Patterson, State Y.W.A. Director; Miss Lucy Wright, foreign mission-



Dr. James Hendrix

Gilfoy Focus Week Ready



Miss Marjane Patterson

ary to Korea; Mrs. Lowery Compere, wife of president of Clarke College; Dr. James Hendrix, plastic surgeon of Jackson; Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jackson.

Jimmy Cutrell, senior

Spanish Church Meets Challenge

First Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, has baptized 45 persons this year, and it will hold baptismal services each month for a while to provide for the remainder of the more than 100 persons who have made public professions of faith.

In this way the church is meeting the challenge of certain groups in Spain which continue to bring pressure on the Government to prevent new laws dealing with the rights of non-Catholic minorities from being enacted by the Spanish legislature, reports a Southern Baptist representative in Spain.

Rev. Juan Luis Rodrigo, pastor of the church, outlined the challenge in a sermon, preached November 22, by telling the congregation that no human authority can prevent a person from witnessing because every believer is a living testimony. "Witnessing is the natural work of every church," he said. "It is the work of every follower of Jesus Christ. If you have peace in your heart you must be a witness that every man can have peace through Jesus Christ. If you have love in your heart you must be a witness of Jesus Christ that every man can know that God is love."

"Many people say that Spanish Protestants are insignificant and do not amount to anything, but if you have been saved you are something. God has not saved you in order

that you become nothing. God has saved you in order that you become something, a witness."

Mr. Rodrigo explained that, as a witness, the Christian must put the lost sinner in contact with the living Christ, and that this practice is evangelism, not proselytizing.

The 400-member congregation continues to grow despite opposition, and it continues to witness.

'Prayerlift' Is - -

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zilian revivals will be in progress.

Here is the way it came about.

When Brazilian Baptists were making their plans for the crusade to start 300 new churches and win to Christ 250,000 persons during a three-month period, they were asked what Baptists in the United States could do.

"Pray," replied Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, which supervises the work of 247 missionaries in Brazil, echoed this need. Said he:

"While it is true that we need gifts for Brazil, we need the prayers of Southern Baptists more for this cause."

Schroeder made these suggestions for churches wishing to participate in the South American crusade through prayer.

Names To Be Provided
The Brotherhood Commission will provide the names of individual Brazilian churches to these brotherhood presidents and pastors (if the church has no brotherhood) who request them.

These leaders may write the pastor of the Brazilian church for specific things that church wants them to pray for.

Schroeder suggested the two church leaders also may arrange by mail for a simultaneous prayer period involving members of both churches although they are thousands of miles apart. Persons requesting names of churches as prayer objects also will receive suggestions for conducting prayer periods, Schroeder said.

About 2,000 Brazilian Baptist churches and 4,000 preaching points will take part in the crusade. Missionaries and national pastors will conduct the services in Portuguese.

Religious Leaders -

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Flemming, president of the University of Oregon and former secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and now first vice-president of the National Council of Churches; and H. B. Sissel, secretary for National Affairs of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

In his testimony Carlson pointed out a number of weak spots in the proposed education bill as far as proper church-state relations are concerned. He made a number of specific, positive suggestions to the Congress for the correction of these weaknesses. He expressed hope that "the church-state issues is being resolved in favor of religious freedom."

Carlson insisted that the bill should contain assurances (1) That no religious institutions would acquire property at public expense, (2) That no public funds would be used to meet institutional program needs, and (3) That the state should keep complete control of the spending of the funds, the ownership of the property, and the terms on which personal use is made of it.

He said that if this were done "there would be no religious issues raised because the materials are public school materials, and best of all, there would be no eroded confidence resulting from charges of evading the law."

Since the proposed aid would include needy pupils in private schools as well as in public schools, Fleming asked the congress to provide five safeguards against aid to religious schools. They are:

1. That benefits for students not include "grants from federal, state or local tax funds for non-public elementary and



MISS MARY ANN HOLMES, member of First Church, Aberdeen, has been awarded the Special Citation Diploma of the Church Study Course, having completed the 100 required books. (Mrs. W. E. Hunter, Superintendent of Training, is the only other person in that church who has received this award.) Miss Holmes is Superintendent of the Extension Department and Chairman of a WMU circle. Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., is pastor.

secondary schools;

2. That benefits for students must be determined and administered by public authorities responsible to the electorate;

3. That the benefits should be identifiable by the students as public services;

4. That the benefit program not be used directly or indirectly for the inculcation of religion or the teaching of sectarian doctrine; and

5. That, in the administration of the program, there be no discrimination by reason of race, religion, class, or national origin in the distribution of the benefits.

"Edgar Fuller, executive secretary of the Council of Chief State School Officers, testified in favor of the president's education bill with certain changes he suggested. His testimony agreed in virtually every respect with that given earlier by Carlson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The principles for the solution of the church-state dilemma were the same from both men."

The Roman Catholic educators, while approving the proposed bill, did so with considerable caution. Hochwalt described it as "a workable compromise" and "as obviously an accommodation." He stated his view as "one of reserved approval and cautious optimism."

Witnesses In Favor

WASHINGTON (BP)—Witnesses at hearings in the House of Representatives and the Senate insist that the proposed federal aid to education bill does not violate the constitution and the principles of separation of church and state.

Representing the Johnson administration and the nation's education leadership, the witnesses have all been favorable toward the proposed \$1.25 billion education program asked by the president.

Their testimony on the constitutionality of the bill was adamant in spite of seeming contradictions in the bill and in the positions of their organizations.

Rep. Carl Perkins (D., Ky.), chairman of the special subcommittee on education in the House, asked every witness if any part of the bill violates the constitution. Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), chairman of the senate subcommittee on education, asked the same question.

The uniform answer has been that the bill provides for no aid to parochial schools, but rather, aid to school children. Therefore, they said, aid to religious agencies is not involved.

Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, along with Francis Keppel, Commissioner of Education, testified before both the House and Senate committees.

At the Senate hearing Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) asked Celebrezze if the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare still held to the church-state principles set forth in a legal brief of 1961 which prohibited against the board public aid to parochial schools.

The secretary replied that the proposed bill had been submitted to the Justice Department for an examination of the church-state aspects that might be in it. He reported that a letter from the Justice Department said the bill meets the constitutional test.

Hinson In Charge

LOUISVILLE (BP) — G. Maurice Hinson, Professor in the School of Church Music, will assume administrative responsibility for the school next semester at Southern Baptist Seminary here. Hinson has been on the faculty since 1957 and will serve in the place of Dean Forrest H. Heeren. Heeren will be on Sabbatical leave at the University of Indiana.

Urban Fringe Study Finds Church "Friction Stage"

ATLANTA (BP)—A seminary-directed research project which studied the church in the rural-urban fringe reports a "friction stage" in the development of churches.

Carl A. Clark of Fort Worth reported the project findings to the annual meeting here of the Southern Baptist Long Range Rural Church Committee.

Clark, professor of pastoral ministry at Southwestern Seminary, directed the study as a joint project of the seminary and the urban-rural department of the Home Mission Board.

The project studied 100 churches in urban fringe areas to determine the effect of the mass influx of new families.

Clark, a recognized authority in rural church matters, led students to gather information by interview and by questionnaire.

According to the report, the friction resulted in a clash between the culture of old established residents of a small community with noticeable rural characteristics and the culture of newcomers who are predominately urban in culture and outlook.

Some friction, coming with a rapid influx of people, was called normal. The type of cultural pattern in the old community seemed to determine the degree.

The more wealthy and class conscious the "Old-timers" the more likely they were to resent the "installment buying" of the newcomers. The friction was less if both groups were of the same background.

The report found if the growth of an area or a church is slow and the "Old-timers" have time to see what is happening, they often plan to combat it.

But if the growth is rapid, there is less friction because the older residents become a minority before they realize what has happened.

"Friction Stage" Key
The "friction stage" cited by the report appeared to be a key to the growth of the church.

Churches with friction while making the transition from a rural to an urban community reported poorer ratios of membership to Baptisms and to growth through additions from other churches.

Churches could avoid friction, the study found, by preparing the church for the influx of new people.

"None of the churches made specific plans to enlarge their program when the subdivision was being built," the report indicates. "Therefore, they were not ready for rapid growth."

Contrary to some popular opinions, and even the opinion of some pastors of churches studied, these rapidly growing rural-urban fringe churches are not growing as fast as the communities.

The basic fault pointed out by the study was the churches failed to plan long range and build in units that can be added to later.

New churches established in the rural-urban fringe area did not report hardships

in transition, and thus show better growth records.

The report found other problems for the rural urban

fringe church, including lack of sufficient leadership, inadequate finances, the impersonal nature of the church.



MEN'S QUARTET, CALVARY CHURCH TUPELO—Left to right: Ted Brady, baritone; Dennis Brady, first tenor; Dr. Jack Stacy, bass; Jack Day, second tenor.

Tupelo Quartet To Appear At SBC

The men's quartet, Calvary Church, Tupelo, has accepted an invitation to appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Dallas, Texas, May 31-June 4. The group will first sing for the Pastors' Conference, then the Convention program to follow.

The quartet was selected for its unusual song styling of the old favorite Gospel hymns. The men have sung for churches and civic organiza-

tions throughout North Mississippi. They will sing for the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference at the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, February 8. The quartet will be accompanied by Mrs. Heber Simmons, organist of Calvary Baptist Church.

A recent recording by this quartet has taken beautiful hymn arrangements into the homes of hundreds of people, according to Jack Day, music director at Calvary.

Rev. W. L. Day is pastor.



PLAN FOCUS WEEK—Mississippi College will observe Focus Week Feb. 8-12 with interesting personalities from throughout the South scheduled to be on hand. The purpose of Focus Week is to present the Christian faith in terms understandable to college men and women and to point out the relevance of that faith to daily living and the great issues of life and our time. Shown making plans with Director of Religious Activities Bradley Pope (seated) are, left to right, David Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn., Hospitality Chairman; Boyd McPhail, Jackson, Classroom Visitation; and Karen Robbins, Picayune, general co-chairman along with Everett O'Bryan. (M.C. PHOTO)

MC Focus Week Planned

"Look to This Day" has been selected as the theme of this year's Focus Week at Mississippi College set for February 8-12.

Designed to focus the attention of college men and women on the Christian faith and its relationship to ones life, Focus Week this year will center on problems faced by young people in everyday life and how Christ relates to these.

Miss Karen Robbins of Picayune and Everett O'Bryan of Syracuse, Mo., are

serving as general co-chairmen of the special week.

Activities for the week include talks by guest speakers in the regular 9:50 a. m. chapel programs as well as special services for Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:25. Each evening at 7:00 one of the visiting personalities will be featured in special services which will be followed by a series of seminars led by the guest.

Program personalities visiting the campus for the week are: Rhodes scholar Louis Salter; Dr. Bob Couch, physician from Asheville, N. C.; Louis Myers, missionary to South Vietnam; Rev. Ralph Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, Tex.; Dr. Shervert H. Frazier, head of the department of psychiatry at Baylor University; Douglas Gow, businessman from Canada; Howard Bramlett of the Baptist Student Department in Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. Bill Pinson, professor at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Among the fourteen Dead Sea Scrolls scheduled to arrive in the United States from Jordan is the 12-foot long "Psalm Scroll," a spokesman at the Smithsonian Institution has announced.

Washington Post Questions Law On Religious TV

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—A Washington newspaper has joined in raising the question—Is it constitutional for the Federal Communications Commission to require radio and television stations to carry religious programs?

The Washington Post in an editorial agreed with communications attorney Marcus Cohn when he raised the question in an article appearing in the Jan. 14 edition of The Reporter magazine.

Serious doubts also have been raised within the FCC itself, with commissioner Lee Loevinger publicly questioning the constitutionality of requiring broadcasters to include religion on their agenda, along with 13 other "community needs" spelled out in the regulations.

Religion is listed as a community need which must be met in radio and television programming by the agency.

Mr. Cohn, Commissioner Loevinger, and The Washington Post have referred to a 1947 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Everson case which held that the federal government may not "influence a person to go or to remain away from church."

The Post editorial in part follows:

"There is not the slightest doubt, of course, that a large part of the public wants to have a chance to hear and see religious programs on the air. And there is not the slightest doubt, either, that broadcasters ought to satisfy their interest."

"The only problem arises when a federal agency requires the holders of federal licenses to foster religious worship. It is very hard indeed to reconcile this with the Supreme Court's declaration that 'in the relationship between man and religion, the state is firmly committed to a position of neutrality.'"

"The FCC owes the public a carefully considered answer to the serious question Mr. Cohn has raised. And the public owes to its own great tradition of religious liberty a considered judgment as to whether it wants any agency of the government to promote religion in this way."

Annie Armstrong Offering—OFFERING TO STRENGTHEN WITNESS TO UNCHURCHED

ATLANTA—Southern Baptists' study of mission needs in the United States and their attempt to raise \$3,600,000 for missions at home will strengthen their churches' witness to the 75 million unchurched in the nation.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, made this statement in discussing the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

The annual spring home mission emphasis includes a study of the new home mission book, the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and the offering. Dates for the week of prayer are March 7-14.

"Serious spiritual problems exist all across our nation. The number of unchurched people in the United States exceeds 75 million, and the figure grows by one million a year," said Dr. Rutledge.

"Millions of lost people will never be confronted with the gospel forcefully unless our churches reach out to establish a gospel witness in the immediate area of need," he added.

The new executive secretary, who assumed his office January 1, said the emphasis on home missions helps alert the churches to opportunities in missions as well as providing "extremely significant support for home mission work."

The 1965 budget for the Home Mission Board exceeds \$64 million, the largest budget in the history of the agency.

The funds come almost entirely from the Cooperative Program and from the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Rutledge said the Home Mission Board selected special mission projects with the offering will provide when more than \$2,910,000 is given.

These include (1) support for the first year's operation of the Navajo Training School near Farmington, N. M., (2)

Thursday, February 4, 1965

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REV. HARVEY J. KNEISEL, JR., Southern Baptist missionary to British Guiana, preaches to a group assembled for a baptismal service on the island of Wakenaam.

Baptist Church Organized On Island Without A Name

It takes dedicated men—modern Johnny Appleseeds—to plant seeds on the island without a name.

And like the seeds of the fabled Johnny and certainly like the seeds of the biblical sower, only a portion take root and blossom into something tangible.

That something tangible is what a team of dedicated men on a nameless bit of soil in South America are in search of. What these Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists sow has been sown before, says Rev. Harvey J. Kneisel, Jr., but "in too limited and feeble a manner." It is estimated that only 5 percent of the people are Christian.

On the top floor of a building on the island of Wakenaam (meaning "without a name"), in British Guiana, a tiny congregation of East Indian Christians have formed the Maria's Pleasure Baptist Church (the second Baptist church organized in British Guiana since Southern Baptist missionaries began working in the little country in 1962).

The first floor, says Rev. Otis W. Brady, Southern Baptist missionary, is the meeting place of an organization of politically active young people attached to a Communist-oriented party.

In the back, the building's Hindu owner lives, surrounded by his prayer flags.

Under a tamarind tree in the front—the "vestibule" to that newly formed church in the upper room—the village men meet to drink rum, curse, engage in political discussions.

Maria's Pleasure Baptist Church, thanks to its pastor, Rev. Arnaldo Campbell, Mr. Kneisel, Mr. Brady, and others, is bearing its witness.

Its 12 members would have been 29 if 17 others who wished to join had been able to make the sacrifices their society exacts on those who become Christians—the opposition, the ostracism.

But, like the dauntless Johnny Appleseed, the 12 do not cease to cast seeds where they meet their severest test, even under that cosmopolitan tamarind tree.

The men gathered there, says Mr. Brady, laugh at, deride, and keep a close eye on the believers, looking for the slightest slip. But, whether they realize it or not, some of what they see is sinking in, and their vile and derisive comments, designed as persecution, serve only to strengthen the Christians in their resolve to prove, by their example, that their way of life is the right way.

What they see is, indeed, sinking in. Said one of Pastor Campbell, "He walks down the same road he talks."

"I can tell you of one man who was really changed," remarked another. "You know Teacher George?"

Teacher George is George Kumar, a Hindu who allowed the seed to take root. He, his mother, his sister Norma (also a teacher), and two other relatives defied the opposition of George's father and became Christians.

The work has been slow, but rewarding, since Mr. and Mrs. Brady initiated Southern Baptist work in British Guiana two years ago.

They, Mr. and Mrs. Kneisel,

and Mr. Campbell, a graduate of Bahamas Baptist Institute, do not face the task as an insurmountable one.

"The Light will shine brightly in this little country on the shoulder of South America where terrorists are active, fear and anxiety the daily menu, and opposition is building up rapidly against Christians," says Mr. Brady.

"We know that where these conditions prevail, God's love, justice, and power are needed and will be heeded if presented."

Perhaps it will be heeded some day by the old man under the tamarind tree who tells them, in the vilest of terms, "Rum is my savior!"

Perhaps the island "without a name" will some day embrace a name—the name of Christ.

Literacy Meet Planned For Lee County Area

Miss Mildred Blankenship, literacy worker of the Department of Associational Missions of the Home Mission Board, will lead a literacy workshop at the Verona Church Feb. 15-16.

Sponsoring the workshop will be the Lee County Baptist Woman's Missionary Union with everyone from the entire Tupelo area welcome to attend.

The day classes will be from 9:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. with those attending asked to bring a sack lunch. The host church will provide drinks.

The evening classes will be from 7:00 till 9:30 P.M. There will be no charges for the course but those attending will be expected to purchase a textbook.

Rev. W. Harold Anderson, is Lee County Superintendent of Missions.

Sunday School Bible Conference

March 22-24, 1965

Calvary Church, Jackson

Program begins 10:00 A.M. Monday and adjourns noon Wednesday.

THEME: "GOD'S MEN IN ACTION"

PROGRAM PURPOSE: A depth study of human personalities through Bible exposition, messages, group studies and workshop.

Old Testament

Bible Messages

New Testament



Clyde T. Francisco
Louisville Seminary
Louisville, Ky.



H. Leo Eddleman
New Orleans Seminary
New Orleans, La.



Donald F. Ackland
Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tenn.

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Chester Vaughn	Young People, Intermediate
Neta Stewart	Junior, Elementary
Soloist	Mrs. Martha Branham, Dallas, Texas
Organist	Miss Hazel Chisholm, First, Jackson
Pianist	Ben Scarborough, First, Kosciusko

Promoted and Sponsored by the Sunday School Departments in Nashville, Jackson and Hinds Association.

50 Libraries Added In Dec.

NASHVILLE—Fifty church libraries were registered with the Sunday School Board's Church Library Department in December, bringing the total at the year's end to 11,609.

Georgia with 10 new libraries led the 15 other states represented. Kentucky followed with eight libraries and Mississippi with six.

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"MAN AND BOY RALLIES"

The third Annual Area Man and Boy Rallies will be held in the months of March and April. This year we have added an area which gives a total of five meetings.

The dates and places are as follows:

March 12—South, First, Hattiesburg
March 26—Northwest, First, Leland
April 9—Southwest, First, Crystal Springs
April 23—Central, Clarke Memorial College, Newton
April 30—North, Calvary, Tupelo

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Christian Union

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, nationally known National Council and ecumenical leader, again has spoken out promoting his proposal of a few years ago that denominations should consult on Church union.

Since the suggestion was first made the four denominations he named have entered into what is called the Consultation on Church Union. These denominations were the United Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist and the United Church of Christ. The Evangelical United Brethren and the Christian Church also have joined in the consultation.

Baptists are not involved so it is none of our affair if these denominations decide to unite. However, Dr. Blake now calls upon other denominations to enter into the discussion and for hurried-up action. He is quoted by the press as having said that denominationalism is a "scandal and a sin."

He is further quoted as saying "We must believe that if Church union is according to the will of Christ, now is the time to get on with it."

Two Questions

We would raise two questions. First, of all, is denominationalism a sin and a scandal? Second, is the type of church union which Dr. Blake seems to be promoting actually the will of Christ?

Let us comment on the last question first. Certainly, we believe that our Lord desires unity among his churches, but is it to be a unity without regard to the teachings of His Word? Has not He given clear revelation in the New Testament as to what His churches shall believe and teach? Can there be true Christian union without unity in acceptance of these teachings? Can there be any kind of satisfactory union if churches do not get together on what they believe and teach?

Why do denominations exist? Is it not because Christians hold certain doctrinal beliefs? Different denominations exist because various Christian groups have differing interpretations of New Testament teachings. Baptists are Baptists, and not something else, because they believe that the New Testament teaches certain doctrines. Is it a "sin and scandal" to have convictions concerning what the New Testament teaches?

The Dilemma

How can Dr. Blake, or any other ecumenist, bring about church union, without the denominations

either uniting in their beliefs, or declaring that doctrinal teachings are not important, and that churches should be united despite their differences in beliefs? If the former is the course, will the denominations be willing to give up their distinctive teachings, in order to accept one doctrinal position? If the latter course is chosen, will it not be union without unity? Can such unity truly be of Christ?

It may be true that some of the denominations are so close together in their doctrines, that they should unite. Yet, as one considers the denominations named as being in the consultations, he does not see how union could be achieved without some doctrinal compromise or change.

It is most certain that Baptists could not enter into Dr. Blake's proposed "church" without giving up some of their doctrinal positions, or by all of the other groups accepting the Baptist position. The latter we do not expect them to be willing to do.

A Plan Of Union

May we propose a plan of church union, which we sincerely believe would be the "will of Christ"? Why not let all denominational groups get together on the Bible as the Word of God, and simply accept the doctrines which it clearly teaches? Even Baptists could accept this kind of union, for their teachings are based solely upon the Word of God.

Of course, Dr. Blake probably would not accept such a plan, since it appears from some of his writing and preaching that he does not accept all of the New Testament as divinely inspired. Would he, instead, have Baptists and others who do accept the Bible as God's Word, and who believe that Christians should teach and practice what it says, give up their doctrinal position, in order to walk in fellowship with him and others? Our answer to him, and to all ecumenists who call for church union other than on the basis of united acceptance of New Testament teaching, is "No." We have no interest in any program of union which is not based upon true Christian unity.

Christian Fellowship

Southern Baptists will continue to walk in Christian fellowship with all Christians who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Bible as the Word of God. This can be done without compromise of doctrinal integrity. Meanwhile, we shall continue to pray that the day may come when all Christians will be united in their acceptance of all of the teachings of the New Testament.

We suggest that Dr. Blake and other ecumenists expend their efforts on leading people to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and in complete belief in, and obedience to, the Word of God.

In doing this they will be leading toward true Christian unity. This is the only spiritual basis for Christian union.

GUEST EDITORIAL

It's Now Or Never For Social Security

E. S. James in Baptist Standard (Texas)

It's now or never for ministers who want to participate in social security. Those "clergymen" (ordained or commissioned gospel ministers) who do not have a social security number have been granted another opportunity to get one; but the national office in Baltimore has made it plain that the absolute deadline is April 15. After that date it cannot be obtained except by special act of Congress.

There are those who contend that for ministers to participate in this pension plan is an infringement on the church-state separation principle, but the Baptist Standard does not agree. Ministers must pay the tax on a voluntary, self-employed basis; and the churches are not involved in any manner. Ordained men are citizens just like others and are entitled to the individual benefits accorded other citizens so long as they pay their proportionate part and do not depend on others to do it for them.

There are some 140,000 ordained or commissioned ministers now enrolled, and those who applied for cards when it was opened to them January 1, 1955 are now fully covered in proportion to the salary basis on which they have paid the tax. Men who have paid on the maximum basis of \$4,800 per year salary will receive under the present plan \$127 per month after retirement at 65 or beyond. When their wives reach age 62 they will be eligible for an additional payment of \$47.70 each month, and in case of the husband's demise the widow will receive \$104.80 per month for life after she is 62.

There are still tens of thousands in the ministry who have not applied for coverage, and if they ever expect to receive it their applications must be made at once. The Baltimore office advises that each of them who desires to participate should make application to the nearest Social Security office for a number and file Form 2031 with the Director of Internal Revenue in his district. The forms can be obtained from the revenue office. After it has been filed a duplicate copy of this form will be returned to the individual to be kept as proof of his intention.

Those who have not yet made the application will have to pay the back tax since January 1, 1962. Thereafter they will pay regularly through the Internal Revenue office on the self-employed basis.

The Baptist Standard would urge every minister to avail himself of the opportunity to participate, and it would caution him again that the time for doing so is short.



The present crisis in American Protestantism, a crisis which can be summed up in a simple fact: the extraordinary statistical success of American Protestantism, a success almost without parallel in two thousand years of church history, has been accomplished by the virtual elimination of membership standards.

Franklin H. Littell
in Christian Advocate

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In Washington for his annual Christmas appearance at the Pentagon to discuss plans for a world conference on evangelism, evangelist Billy Graham told a news conference: "In all of our talk of union, there is danger that the vital truths of the gospel will be watered down to a mere shell. Theology is the most important thing—more important than outward union of the churches. There is real danger that some of our theology will become no more than a humanistic ethic, depriving the gospel of its real force."

Sunday School Times

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General of the Army, Omar Bradley, helps us to focus attention on the kind of imbalance herein questioned:

"We have many men of science, too few men of God."

"We have grasped the mystery of the atom, and rejected the Sermon on the Mount."

"The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants."

"We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living."

—The Freeman

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I led eight men and one boy down into the pool and buried them in baptism. . . . It was a testing time for those new Christians. Some of their mothers stood on the bank of the pool and mocked them because these sons had become followers of Jesus.—Rex Ray.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

February 8 — Kathryn Bearden, Baptist Student Director, Gilroy School of Nursing; Jack Gunn, Mississippi College faculty.

February 9 — Mrs. Alvin Reeves, WMU president, District III; Guy Graham, Itawamba associational superintendent of missions.

February 10—Ronnie Power, Baptist Book Store; W. C. Day, Clarke College faculty. February 11 — Wendell Deer, faculty, Carey College; Mrs. Joyce Patterson, staff, Carey College.

February 12—Edwina Robinson, Baptist Building; Martha Gene Shutt, Baptist Building.

February 13—Janet Burge, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing; Frances G. Rodgers, staff, Children's Village.

February 14—P. H. Lowrey, faculty, Blue Mountain College; J. B. Laney, Jackson associational superintendent of missions.

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EVENTS IN BAPTIST HISTORY

PAGES FROM THE PAST

by J. L. Boyd

60 Years Ago

Pastor T. D. Bush tells of a sixteen membership increase of the Silver Creek Church, Lawrence County, during their annual revival meeting in which he was the visiting minister; T. J. Moore being the pastor.

The Hamburg Church, Franklin County, closed a nine days meeting with Pastor C. L. Lewis doing the preaching, resulting in 25 additions, 17 of them by baptism. R. F. Farr, reporting.

Mt. Hermon Church, five miles east of West Station, had three for baptism, one by restoration and "the church greatly strengthened" during a protracted meeting. Pastor F. R. Burney was assisted by J. E. Curry of Kosciusko doing the preaching. (Will someone let me know if this Mt. Hermon Church has dissolved or changed its name.)

50 Years Ago

Sunday School Secretary and lay-preacher J. E. Byrd led the Calhoun City Church in a week's study course and he doing the preaching at night. There were twenty accessions to the church roll, sixteen of them by baptism.

G. W. Riley reports 29 accessions to New Liberty Church, 27 of them for baptism. J. F. Mitchell was the pastor.

40 Years Ago

The Mars Hill Church, Forrest County, added to their church roll 24 new names, 18 of them by baptism, during a protracted meeting in which Pastor C. H. Autry was assisted by T. J. Waldrop.

25 Years Ago

Pastor L. G. Sansing did the preaching in the Pace Baptist Church revival meeting, resulting in seven additions to the membership, five of them for baptism.

D. W. Nix tells of a great protracted meeting with the Enterprise Church, Deb Stennis as pastor, and Nix doing the preaching. Results: 25 were added to the Baptist Church, 12 to the Methodist Church.

The percentage of increased enrollment in nine Assemblies of God Bible schools and colleges for 1964 more than doubled the 1963 figure. Total enrollment reached 3,613.



Baptist Worship Service Is Interrupted

BOWLING GREEN, Va., May 1, 1771 (BP)—A parson of the state church interrupted a Baptist worship service here today by marching to the platform and using his whip to flip the pages of the hymnbook while Preacher John Waller was leading congregational singing. The county clerk joined the whip-toting parson and seized Waller, dragging the Baptist minister to the sheriff. The sheriff administered 20 lashes on Waller with his horsewhip. Waller, jailed three years earlier for preaching, returned to the pulpit covered with blood and then preached one of his most powerful messages. Distributed by Baptist Press for SBC Historical Commission. Erwin M. Hearne, Jr., Artist.

The Baptist Forum

FLOOD HITS CAMP FAMILY

Dear Dr. Odle:

In recent issues of the paper you have given us information regarding former Mississippi pastors and their families who were victims of the floods in the northwest, particularly northern California. We have received conflicting reports here regarding Rev. L. G. Camp. However, a recent telephone conversation with Brother Camp reveals that they lost all of their personal belongings except a few clothes and a television set.

The new pastorium and church, just recently occupied, were also lost. The pastor also lost a very valuable library.

It was learned in the conversation with Brother Camp that the Red Cross would not be able to help them as had been previously reported. The only help that had been received was through the Crescent City Baptist Church which provided a small trailer to be used temporarily. Brother Camp continues to conduct services in a very small building near the area. Mrs. Camp is teaching school in a near-by motel.

We believe that there are those who would take this as an opportunity to aid the Camps since they served so faithfully in our state in years gone by. So we would appreciate it if you could mention this just once more in the paper. Those wishing to respond may do so by sending gifts of personal items to Rev. James Goodwin, also a Mississippiian, at Crescent City Baptist Church, Crescent City, California.

James Terpo
Superintendent of Missions,
Panola County
Batesville, Miss.

GO HOME AND TELL by Bertha Smith Broadman, 154 pp., \$2.75)

Records a retired missionary's enthusiasm to tell what God has done through prayer in the lives of missionaries in China and Taiwan. A resident of Cowpens, S. C., Miss Smith served as a missionary to North China for 31 years and to Taiwan for 11 years. She retired in 1961. The book gives a firsthand account of some experiences of the Shantung revival of the 1920's and reveals the courage and resourcefulness of missionaries during the Japanese and Communist campaigns in China.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR TEACHING COUNT by Joe L. McMillin (Broadman, paperback, 55 pp., 75 cents).

A layman shares certain truths and personal convictions about teaching a Sunday school class. The author, director of the Estate Planning Bureau of Memphis and New York City, has been a Baptist Sunday school teacher for nearly 50 years. He discusses the teacher's task, his relation to the church, his use of the Bible, his other studies, and the relation of his work in the Christian life and stewardship. Mr. McMillin is a native of Mississippi.

DAY OF RESURRECTION by Leslie B. Flynn (Broadman, 96 pp., \$2.00).

Eight meditations on the events of the first Easter. "The most exciting day in the four Gospels in the first Easter," says Dr. Flynn. "The electrifying appearances of the risen Lord to various persons make that 'first day of the week' the most dramatic day of His entire ministry." Dr. Flynn uses the Gospel accounts to dramatize the reactions of Peter, Mary Magdalene, the Emmaus disciples, and others. Scripture references, illustrations, and words of hymns and poems underline his applications for today. The author is pastor of Grace Conservative Baptist Church, Nanuet, New York, and assistant professor of journalism at Nyack Missionary College.

BY FREEDOM'S HOLY LIGHT by Gordon Palmer (Devine-Adair, 162 pp., \$3.00)

Timely, challenging patriotic messages by a well known American Baptist pastor, seminary executive and radio preacher. The messages were delivered to a wide

radio audience, and are published by popular demand. The religious problems confronting America, and the problems confronting American religion, are frankly and inspiringly presented. This is urgent preaching, effectively done.

THE REFORMER'S AND THEIR STEPCHILDREN by Leonard Verduin (Eerdmans, 292 pp., \$5.75)

Reveals that the great principles of separation of church and state, missions, voluntary association, etc., are contributions, not of the Reformers of the Reformation period, but of their "step-children," those groups who dared go beyond the reformers in their move back to the World of God. Anabaptists and others like them are pictured in their true light, and not as they have long been presented by their enemies. Baptists, many of whom feel that their origins are closely-linked to these so-called radical groups, will welcome this valuable study. This book deserves a place in the library of every careful student of church history.

HER BEST FOR THE MASTER by Martha Snell Nicholson (Moody Press, 96 pp., \$1.95)

Martha Nicholson was in frail health and endured suffering and pain almost all the years of her life from 1899 to 1957. Her interest was in books, particularly in poetry and in the Bible. She wrote over 900 poems, and her best ones are assembled in this book, "Her Best for the Master." Her compositions, here topically arranged, afford comfort, strength, and hope to the suffering and to the weary. Ministers who visit the sick will find this a rich source of inspiration.

GOD'S PROMISES by Devere Ramsay (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 48 pp., \$1.95). A very special book of Bible stories for young children, this attractive volume was written by a minister's wife, and the mother of two young sons.

Illustrations are by Rita Endhom, artist who was born in the Netherlands and later emigrated to Canada. The book picks out some of the great promises of God, and presents them in simple, yet very interesting, form, for boys and girls.

Let The Church Be The Church

By Dr. Louis Benes
Editor, The Church Herald
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THERE ARE THREE MAJOR areas of concern in American life today about which the church is doing very little. They are automation, poverty, and civil rights. So says a regional director of the United Steelworkers of America, quoted in a Church Herald article some weeks ago.

Well now, this is interesting. Someone else joins the chorus of self-appointed critics of the church who, at quite regular intervals, assume the right to tell her what her duties are. And we who belong to the church have become so accustomed to being blamed for whatever is wrong in this evil world and being held responsible for setting everything in it right that we hesitate to defend ourselves against such criticism. Nevertheless, we get a little weary of hearing these critics sit in judgment upon the church, declaring to the church what they think she ought to be doing. It is possible that the church ought to tell such people to mind their own business, and she will mind hers?

Critics Offer Projects
The critics call upon the church of Jesus Christ to "do something" for every imaginable project and program, and find it so easy to make her the scapegoat when things go collectively wrong. Haven't you heard? The church has been here now for 2,000 years, and she has failed to prevent war! Yes, and she has failed to stop crime and poverty and bootlegging and ignorance and immorality and drunkenness and what not!

Milan Cathedral Now Complete

MILAN (RNS)—The Milan Cathedral, built in sections since 1397, was declared officially completed on the dedication of its fifth and last massive bronze door.

This last 16-foot door weighs eight tons. Designed by Lucian Minguzzi, noted modern artist, the bas-relief door depicts the history of the cathedral.

The cathedral is 515 feet long and 216 feet wide. It has a facade 184 feet high and many spires, tallest of which is 357 feet. Next to St. Peter's in Rome, it is the largest Catholic church in the world.

All sorts of organizations, many of them very good and necessary ones, too, want the church to get behind their drives and campaigns and promote their causes. The church should get behind the Red Cross, the community Chest, civil rights, Safe Driving Week, better government campaigns, anti-discrimination projects, Health Week—you name it. You would think that the church had nothing else to do but push someone else's campaigns, that it had no purpose or message of its own at all.

The Church Responds
Perhaps we could make our point clear by reminding the Steelworkers' spokesman that

there are three areas of concern (maybe more) in American life in which the Steelworkers are doing very little. They are preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ; doing something about the growing consumption of alcohol and consequent increase in highway accidents, alcoholism, and broken homes; and working to preserve the American principle of the separation of church and state. Besides, what are the United Steelworkers doing to prevent juvenile delinquency, to fight crime, and to end the war in Viet Nam?

We can hear the answers coming fast: "But we are not organized to take care of

these. They are not our primary responsibility." Exactly. And so the church. She has a divine vocation. Her duties and instructions are assigned to her not by United Steelworkers or the United Nations or Congress or, for that matter, even her own membership. Her duties are set forth by her Lord. Christ instituted His church to preach the gospel, to teach His Word, and to carry out His will among men! His church is something other than a social-service organization, an arm of the state, or an organization for community welfare. St. Paul was already doing something about poverty 2,000 years ago when he took up collections for the poor Christians in Jerusalem, but he never suggested that the church should be busy with social and economic programs or that she should take on "action programs" in this area.

World Should Listen

If people were only as ready to listen to the gospel the church preaches as to point to what they think her duties are! But a number of those who think that the church should do something about poverty or war or suffering are not nearly so ready to listen when she declares the Ten Commandments, points out the need of a new birth, or sets forth God's demands for honest and holy living. Men are prone to turn a deaf ear when the church speaks of the greed and the lust and sloth and drunkenness which breed poverty, but they nevertheless expect the church to pick up the broken pieces of a pagan society.

Now, of course, if someone should say that Christians ought to be doing more in the areas of poverty, automation, and civil rights, we would immediately agree. Christian convictions and Christian compassion are sorely needed in these areas. In fact, Christians ought to express their dedicated concern for truth, righteousness, and mercy in action in every area of human life. They should become personally involved, not only in poverty, but in its causes, in racial discrimination, unemployment, lack of education, and other social evils. And let it be said with shame that far too many Christians, living themselves in an affluent society and in comfortable circumstances, have almost forgotten, if not rejected their responsibility to aid the poor and the disadvantaged and those discriminated against. All of this, and more is the responsibility of the individual Christian, involved in society and its organizations, but not of the church as church.

Church Should Speak

There are times of course, when the church ought to instruct her own members on their duties in society. Let her declare what it means to be a Christian in the home, in business, in society, and in politics. Let her at times speak out prophetically, as the Old Testament prophets did, to delineate God's will for human society. But let her never be diverted from her primary task to which she has been called by her Lord, the task of preaching the gospel of redemption through Jesus Christ to the whole world. This is her task and hers alone. Nobody can take it from her, and nobody will do it for her. Let other organizations carry out their particular responsibilities in human society.

But as far as she is concerned, let the church be the church!

Southern Baptists And The Baptist World Alliance

By Jess Moody
Pastor, First Church
West Palm Beach, Florida

There are numerous reasons why all Southern Baptists should support the Baptist World Alliance and make that support felt as we face the Alliance meeting in Miami next summer.

The first good reason is the endless line of splendor made up of the great Southern Baptists who have led in international Baptist cooperation in the past.

To merely call the roll would be enough to inspire most informed Baptists: John R. Sampey, George W. Truett, C. Oscar Johnson, Theodore Adams, Louie D. Newton, and countless others.

These men felt the value of the BWA to the degree that they gave endless hours of energy and all their influence to this grand alliance of like-mindedness.

Another reason all Southern Baptists should cooperate with the BWA is that millions of people do not believe Southern Baptists will cooperate with anyone.

This is rooted in the fact that our denomination has not seen fit to be blended into the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council. It is perhaps true that a great majority of Southern Baptists do not feel this to be a wise policy, believing much compromise of historic Southern Baptist principle involved.

There is no compromise of

principle in our fellowship in the BWA. If there had been, the Southern Baptists of previous generations who have cooperated all these years would have detected it and informed us of it.

Who could believe that a good Kentucky Baptist like Robert Denny would have identified himself so completely with the BWA if there were compromise involved?

Let it be said that the author of this article feels there was quite some misunderstanding concerning the North American Baptist Fellowship at Atlantic City. This was probably due to a lack of understanding as to the purposes of the NABF. There simply was not enough advance information concerning it for the convention to arrive at a clear decision on the issues involved.

Having conversed with many who voted against the North American Baptist Fellowship, the author—who supported it—is convinced that they who oppose it do not in any way desire that their opposition be interpreted as a lack of support of the BWA. Apparently, they interpreted the NABF and the BWA as entirely separate.

As one pastor who opposed the NABF said, "Those of us who felt the North American Baptist Fellowship to be a poor idea will be in Miami to cheer for the Baptist World Alliance."

A final reason in this brief statement as to why every Southern Baptist should support the Baptist World Alliance is that our denomination desires a means of expressing our profound Baptist convictions to an area greater than the southern part of the United States.

How else can this be done except through the BWA?

Having preached throughout most of the western world, it has been this writer's privilege to meet like-minded Baptist Christians in every place—some of them meeting in dynamic, small groups—others representing larger Baptist fellowships.

Never once did any of them cast aspersions at our denomination.

Many of them expressed the belief that Southern Baptists are the hope of evangelicalism throughout the earth.

These small Baptist groups need and deserve the rousing support of the nearly eleven million Southern Baptists.

Let us "... be in Miami to cheer for the Baptist World Alliance."



TEACHER CONDUCTS inspection at a Baptist kindergarten in Singapore, Malaysia. (FMB Photo)

The Art Of Taking Criticism

By James L. Sullivan
Executive
Secretary-Treasurer
In S.S. Board News Letter

Southern Baptists are schooled and skilled in many arts, but knowing how to take and adjust to criticism seems not to be one of them. Every severe word, whether constructive or unreasonable, seems to upset us. Christ dealt with this matter often. By his example he taught us that Criticism is inevitable and can be a compliment.

Perhaps we are uncomfortable in this because historically we have not been in a lead position as a denomination. As a sectional body we were not subjected to intense and unjustified attacks which are now unavoidable. We have been an underdog, with a pioneer or rural background, small and often unnoticed, considered relatively insignificant. If there were criticisms, we were usually the ones dishing them out.

Suddenly, Southern Baptists awaken to nation-wide size and worldwide influence. We find ourselves the largest single body in the Baptist World Alliance. We have become the largest evangelical denomination of North American with the largest Sunday schools in the world.

Such is an enviable leadership position. Nondenominationalists, as well as anti-denominationalists, and independent religionists, sharpen their attacks. Professional critics, a multiplicity of rabble rousers, and even some leaders in the more recognized denominations, cast epithets our way. The experi-

ence has seemed to upset some of us dreadfully. Our skins have not been toughened by degrees, the change has been so rapid.

Such criticism is not only here, but it is here to stay. Furthermore, it will intensify as time passes because Southern Baptists will continue to grow. So we need to analyze the nature and causes of the criticism, and learn to take it in stride, recognizing that it is the expected price of leadership. At the same time, we must understand that it can be a good ingredient in solid growth and forward movement if we face it courageously and do not panic.

Jesus' Experience With Criticism

Jesus was not exempt from the problem of criticism, even though his life was perfect. If the Master could not escape critics, how can we expect exemption? The more Jesus dug in, the more the criticisms intensified, and deepened. Sharp words, like darts, flew faster as his life became more influential and effective.

Analyze Jesus' experience. He was called a glutton—even after he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights. He was called a winebibber, although he lived the most regulated and controlled life of any man. He was called Beelzebub, the prince of the devils, even though he was the Son of God. Of course the criticisms were not justified, but still they came. They hurt him deeply, and they wounded his disciples. The devil could not find fair ways to oppose Christ, so he devised his own foul means

of trying to undermine him by innuendo or falsehood. But Jesus would not be intimidated, nor would he be silenced by such injustice.

The principle still holds. The same devil still opposes, continuing to use his ingenuity in manufacturing clever means of opposing any force of righteousness. At times the criticisms may be like thorns in the flesh. At other times they may be like swords in the side. But they will come, and their frequency and size will continue to increase.

Jesus tried to forewarn his disciples of this operating principle which is inevitable in the life of every dynamic spiritual leader and denomination.

Training to Deal With Criticism

Southern Baptists need training in this area. The phrase, "the loneliness of leadership," grows out of the experience of men subjected to this method of attack. Any Christian leader is a prime target; all enemies converge on him.

Jesus told his disciples to beware of the life of which no one would speak evil (Luke 6:26). He knew that if a man were so ineffective, so passive, such a complete nonentity that no one ever noticed him or knew that he existed, no one would ever bother to oppose or criticize him. But who wants to leave the world untouched by the strong potentials of his life?

Jesus went further in training his disciples. He said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you..." (Continued on page 6)

BAPTIST PERSONALITIES . . .

By John Allen Moore

Vaclav Tomas, president of the Czechoslovak Baptist Union, is an exceedingly modest and unassuming man of 63. He is rather tall, slender, white-haired and balding. In conversation he seems just to listen, as a rule, until a question is directed to him.

Mr. Tomas was ordained in 1953 and made president of the Baptist Union, after other Baptist leaders were imprisoned on charges of dealings with the Baptist World Alliance and other international activities. He served also as pastor of the larger Baptist church in Prague 1953-58, and after that he helped in smaller churches.

There is not the shadow of suspicion that Vaclav Tomas has ever made any compromise of his faith to gain favor with Communist authorities.

He studied theology for a year in the Baptist seminary of Prague, just preceding the outbreak of the second world war, and was intending to be a pastor. Then the outbreak of hostilities prevented the return of seminary president Henry Prochazka from the USA, where he had attended the Baptist World Congress in Atlanta. The seminary was closed and students dispersed.

Vaclav Tomas was born in a Roman Catholic home at Dobronich in the southern part of Bohemia in 1901. At the conclusion of public school education he went to Prague, apprenticed to a wheelwright. It happened that he roomed in a house where Baptist meetings were held, and he began to look in on some of the services.

These seemed very austere and strange compared to the colorful rites of Catholic worship he had known. He began to read the Bible, however, and became more and

more attracted to the simple Christian way.

After two years he reached a final decision and was baptized. He became a deacon in the church and a lay preacher.

He married Hana Svehlova of Prague in 1939. They have no children.

Administrative work is a chore for Mr. Tomas. Despite his shyness, however, he likes pastoral visiting and counseling. He is preaching in some Baptist church every Sunday.

Mr. Tomas likes to read history, especially church history, but he says he spends most available reading time with his well-worn Bible.

His health was good until the fall of 1963 when he had a siege of heart and gall bladder trouble. Since then he has not been as strong as before. He is obliged to rest for a period each day, and spends more time in his fruit garden for a bit of recreation.

Relations between church and state are of course a problem. Ministers in the churches must be approved by the authorities. The state pays all pastors' salaries. Evangelistic work is limited, and any kind of expansion is frowned upon.

"But we cannot say that the authorities behave badly toward us," says Mr. Tomas. "Sometimes we have to choose other methods. But we can preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have about as much freedom as we can use."

The total number of Baptists in Czechoslovakia is 4,200. There were 60 baptisms last year.

"When there are difficulties we are drawn closer to the Lord," says this Baptist leader. "We then become more than ever aware of our own weakness and our dependence upon him."



THE WEEK OF PRAYER for Home Missions to be observed March 7-14 will center attention on every phase of the work of the Home Mission Board. One important ministry is that of juvenile rehabilitation. A counselor is seen with a boy on an outing.



FLOOD RELIEF—Food and clothing for persons displaced by floods in the mountainous northern California coastal region must still be flown in. Here E. J. Combs, left, director of language missions for California Southern Baptists, starts the chain of unloading, most of the supplies for members of the church at Hoopa, Calif. Missionary superintendent George Kendall of Eureka, Calif., is putting the boxes in the station wagon. Between Combs and Kendall stand H. D. Shields, Hoopa church pastor, and Mrs. Shields. (BP photo from California Southern Baptist.)

New English Language Church In Germany

The Mountain View Baptist Church, established in Kassel, Germany a year ago as a mission of the English-language Baptist Church in Mainz, was organized as an independent church January 3. On the same day the Rev. Jack Carter was ordained and inducted as pastor of the new church.

The church is applying for membership in the European Baptist Convention (English-language) and in the (largely Baptist) Evangelical Free Church Union of Germany.—(EBPS)

Lewis W. Martin, of the Home Mission Board, director of school of missions in Southern Baptist churches, has reported 855,504 attending classes in 1964.



MARRIED STUDENT COUNCIL, BSU, Mississippi State—Left to right: seated: David Baldwin, Patty Baldwin, Social Chairmen; David Booth, President, Thelma Booth, Secretary; Jane Purvis, Nicky Purvis, Vice-President; Lowrey Smith, Jimmie Smith, Promotional Chairmen. Standing: Coby E. Byrne, B.S.U. Director; Linda Barber, Anse Barber, First Church Representatives; Nolan Clark, Ann Clark, Seminar Chairmen; Jane Hudspeth, Bill Hudspeth, Emmanuel Church Representatives; Dr. Troy Laswell, Faculty Advisor.

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The Art Of...

(Continued from page 5)
cute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Mark 5:11). Consider criticism a compliment? That was Jesus' attitude when men hurled distorted accusations toward him.

Critics twisted situations, blew up little incidental circumstances, added exciting half-truths to fact, and even fabricated outright lies to gain points of attack against Jesus. But Jesus did not yield to their injustice. Had he done so he would have been finished. He kept his courage and love. He held his position.

Techniques of Criticism

Some critics use the subtle guilt by association technique. When no direct point of attack can be found against the wonderful character and life of a pastor or his family, for instance, the critics seek and discovers evil in the life of someone else. He widely publicizes that, then tries to prove that the preacher is related either in kinship or partnership in some illicit way to that person of known evil. The same guilt-by-association tactic is used against our denomination constantly. People cannot find enough against Southern Baptists to attack, so they attack others and then try to prove that we have unwarranted relationships with them. Anyone who knows facts and understands the strategy of Satan is not going to be influenced unduly by such goings on of the devil. But many innocent people who do not understand how these things work will be upset by them.

Toward Denominational Maturity

Criticisms of the denomination, its churches, and Southern Baptist people, have been and will be on the increase, but we must not fall into the devil's trap and conclude that because of criticism, things are "going to pot." Understand facts. Baptists are gaining in size and influence and are digging in. The devil doesn't like it. He is fighting mad. The best alternative for Southern Baptists is to recognize how criticism is developed and used, accept it in stride as a price of leadership, and try to live as much like Christ as possible. We need to recognize that the more the people of the denomination become like Christ, the ranker and fiercer such criticism will become against us.

Are we mature enough to face up to the nature, causes and trends of unjustified criticism? Are we courageous enough not to back down every time the devil points his finger or hurls an angry dart our way? History will reveal the kind of maturity we show.

Japan Baptists Air First TV Series

The Japan Baptist Convention will soon launch its first television series, a 13-week run of "The Answer" over RKB-TV in Fukuoka.

"The Answer," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be the first series of its kind even seen on Japanese television, says Rev. Worth C. Grant, Southern Baptist missionary in that country. Behind the Japanese presentation of the series lie more than three years of effort in negotiations and in translating and dubbing dialogue for the filmed programs, he says.

Missionary Coleman D. Clarke, who as associate secretary of the evangelism department of the Japan Convention has spent hundreds of hours preparing for the series,

expects it will be well received in Fukuoka and vicinity, an area of relative Baptist strength.

To take advantage of interest roused by the programs, a book, *New Life in God*, has been prepared by Jordan Press, Japanese Baptist publishing agency, to be sent to all who request it. It consists of translations of eight messages from the Billy Graham radio series, "The Hour of Decision."

Mr. Grant points out that although this will be the first TV series for Japanese Baptists, the medium was used for evangelistic purposes during the Japan Baptist New Life Movement in 1963, when several mass meetings in Tokyo were televised over a nationwide network.

He says that 80 percent of Japanese homes have television sets and that virtually the only restriction on the presentation of the gospel via TV is the extremely high cost of prime time. The Fukuoka station will carry "The Answer" at a greatly reduced rate.

First, Eupora To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

First Church, Eupora, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on February 7. The church was organized on February 2, 1890 by Rev. J. T. Christian, a field worker for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, with seven charter members. The church grew to a membership of thirty-three the first year and today has a membership of 650. Rev. William S. Stewart is the present pastor.

The activities of the day will begin with Sunday school, followed by the Anniversary Worship Service. A basket dinner will be served at the church. In the afternoon a groundbreaking service will be held for a new educational building. There will be a reception at 2:15 p.m. honoring the former pastors and their wives.

The day will be climaxed with a pageant, "Pillars of Silver." The pageant will use over 100 in the cast to tell the story of the history of the church. This will be at 5:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. C. S. Bigham, mother of Mrs. James D. Belote, missionary to Hong Kong, died January 18 in Blue Mountain, Miss.

Mrs. Belote, now on furlough, may be addressed at 4127 Seminary Place, New Orleans, La., 70100. The former Martha Bigham, she is a native of Water Valley, Miss.



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YWA HOUSEPARTIES

The first of two YWA Houseparties in Mississippi is being held this weekend, February 5-7, at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Most of those in attendance will be girls and counselors from churches in the Southern part of our state.

For YWA members, prospective members, and leaders in the Northern section of Mississippi, there will be a houseparty at Camp Lake Stephens, the weekend of February 26-28. Two of the missionary speakers who will be featured on the program at Lake Stephens are Mrs. Guy Henderson, Missionary to Korea, and Miss Danny Stampley, Missionary to Ghana.

YWA Directors have been mailed materials concerning this houseparty; however, should additional information be desired, please contact the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson and we'll be happy to send information.



Miss Danny Stampley



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BECKER URGES NEW DRIVE FOR SCHOOL PRAYER BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Rep. Frank J. Becker (Rep.—N.Y.) who failed to bring to a vote his proposed Constitutional Amendment legalizing devotional exercises in public schools, has promised to continue support of the measure from outside Congress.

"I intend to do all I possibly can to influence members of the House, friends and former colleagues to take as active a part as possible in pushing this through," he said. Mr. Becker did not run for re-election in November.

He did not indicate specifically which Congressman would take up the fight in Congress for the amendment, which is designed to override U. S. Supreme Court rulings that prayer and devotional Bible reading in public schools are unconstitutional.

PRESENTING!



Fourteen Christ-honoring, soul-winning and church-building messages by Dr. Byram H. Glaze, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia. Dr. Glaze has been the pastor of this growing church for seventeen years. He has preached on TV and radio. For the past ten years he has broadcast his 11:00 A.M. worship service and Cuba.

He has had orders for these messages from all fifty states and 23 foreign countries. There are almost a million copies of his messages in print. These messages make people think. All pastors, Sunday School and Church workers who want to reach people should have these messages.

THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. WHERE ARE THE DEAD?
This message answers the following questions: Where were the wicked dead before Christ? Where were the saved dead before Christ? Do the dead know anything? Where are the dead now? Do people in Heaven know what is taking place on earth? A message everyone should read.

2. 20 REASONS WHY YOU MUST BE SAVED
How to be saved, how to know you are saved, and what to do after you are saved are explained in full. A man in Alabama said, "I have been a Sunday School teacher and deacon for 52 years. During this time I have read everything I could find on the plan of salvation, but this message is the best I have read." He bought 200 to use in visitation. This message is helpful for pastors, Sunday School workers, and all who would be soul winners.

3. YES SIR, I KNOW THE BIBLE REASONS WHY YOU DO NOT GO TO CHURCH
These reasons will certainly blast the excuses people make for not attending church by showing from the Bible why they do not go.

4. BIBLE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO CHURCH
No one will ever be the same after reading this Bible-centered, hard-hitting message. It will close the mouth of the ungodly.

5. A MESSAGE FROM THE DEVIL
A letter from the devil to unfaithful church members, makes Christians think. It cuts like a two-edged sword. The author has been praised and cursed for this message, but God surely has used it. A lady writes, "This message alone is worth a dollar to me."

6. A MESSAGE FROM HELL TO YOU
The author believes the rich man in hell would love to tell people on earth what hell is like, so he tries to describe it from his knowledge of the Bible. You will never forget this message after reading it. Rev. C. E. Blumenthal of Lakeland, Ga. writes, "It is one of the most effective pieces of Gospel literature I have ever seen." Rev. J. C. Johnston of Chattanooga, Tenn. writes, "God is still using these in a mighty way. Surely many souls have been saved, and our desire is to reach more in '65. Our church is growing." Rev. Johnston has used over 10,000 in his visitation program.

7. A MESSAGE FROM JOHN TO DADDY
This heart warming and touching message written from the viewpoint of a Junior boy to his daddy about going to church.

8. THESE BABIES I HAVE MET
A description of the activities of "Church Babies," calling them by name, is presented in this sermon. It should be placed in the hands of every unfaithful church member.

9. THE DEVIL'S DELIGHTS
The author gives six things he would do if he were the devil. This is a thought provoking, life changing message. Five people made public decisions for the Lord the morning this sermon was preached.

10. YOUR CHILD
Durward B. Mercer, Judge, Juvenile Court Bibb County, Georgia has the following to say about this message. "Dr. Byram H. Glaze has provided us with the finest of approaches and a scriptural challenge to accept our responsibility for meeting the greatest need our children will ever have."

11. DEVIL'S JUICE
A Bible centered, sin denouncing message against strong drink. It will move your soul and life into action against this tool of the devil.

12. THE WRATH OF GOD
You will find this message to be a very strong warning to sinners and backsliders. The way to appreciate the message is to read it.

13. THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY
This message answers many of the questions asked the author through the years by giving chapter and verse concerning the subject. It tells when the dead are raised and how long it will take the Lord to raise the dead. It gives Bible answers as to where we go at death, will babies remain babies through eternity? What will our new bodies resemble? Will we know one another in Heaven? And many other questions. This message is a must for every Christian.

14. WHY RUSSIA DID NOT FIGHT THE U.S. OVER CUBA

While millions of Americans stored up food and water, and built bomb shelters during the Cuban crises, the author was announcing the above sermon title, and preparing his message. After hearing it, many people wanted this message put in print. The author shows from the Bible why Russia and America will not fight over Cuba, shows where they will fight, how their armies will be destroyed, and who will win. This prophetic message should be read by every one.

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Rev. David Poe

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Rev. David Poe has recently been called as pastor of Temple Church, Myrtle, and Old Oak Grove Church, near Myrtle, in Union County Association.

Mr. Poe, a former member of Algoma Church in Pontotoc County, is married to the former Billie Taylor of Troy. They have one daughter, Sandra, age 15 months.

Poe was ordained to the ministry by the Algoma Church, attended Itawamba Junior College two years, and Miss. State University a few months, before moving to the pastor's home at Temple Church. He has enrolled at Blue Mountain College.

Mobile Home Honors Alumnus Of Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — A \$5,500 mobile home has been given to New Orleans Baptist Seminary here as a memorial to Doyle William Vickery, a minister and recent alumnus. The Ponderosa Co. gave the home to the Seminary. Mrs. Vickery was present when the home was presented. A South Carolina couple will be the first occupants of the new mobile home.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Parables Of The Kingdom

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 13

Opposition against Jesus by the religious rulers became so intense that they viciously charged him with being in league with Satan. Their hearts were hopelessly hard; they closed their eyes lest they should see. In view of their attitude, Jesus began a new method of teaching—using parables which kept the truth from those unwilling to receive it and which impressed the truth on his disciples in a way they never could forget. Matthew 13 is a collection of parables. The first four have to do with the growth and development of the kingdom; the last three have to do with the inherent worth of the kingdom.

The presence of evil in the world is a fact. Evil and good are mingled together now. It will not always be so. There will be a separation of the wicked from the righteous in the judgment. In the meantime, let Christians have faith, and let them be faithful.

The Lesson Explained WHEAT AND TARES (vv. 24-30)

The parable, on the surface, seems simple enough. A man sowed wheat in his field. With his knowledge, an enemy came and sowed tares—darnel or an obnoxious weed—in the same field. When the tares sprang up, along with the wheat, they were so much like the wheat they could not be recognized. Later on, the tares were easily recognizable for what they really were. When the servants reported to the owner about the tares, he knew immediately that they were the result of an enemy's subtle wickedness. Nothing could be done to solve the problem immediately. The owner instructed the servants to leave them together until the harvest, when the reapers could gather out the tares and burn them and gather the wheat into the barn.

THE INTERPRETATION (vv. 36-43)

The disciples of Jesus were puzzled. When he sent the multitude away and went into the house, the disciples asked him to interpret the parable to them. Again, on the surface, Jesus' answer seems simple. The meaning seems to be this: Christ is at work in the world. He is saving people from sin. Those who believe in him are the children of the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the world of humanity. They must live in the world order. But the devil is also at work. Those who do the works of the devil are the children of the devil. They too are a part of the world of humanity. They must live in the world order. At some stages and in many ways, the children of evil are not easily distinguishable from the children of the kingdom. But their works will later make them clearly manifest.

The kingdom of heaven must make its progress, so far as this age is concerned, in the presence of evil. Unbelievers are not immediately destroyed. But at the consummation of the age, in the judgment, the angels of the Lord will separate all the workers of iniquity from among the children of the kingdom; and the workers of iniquity will be cast into a place of torment and agony and grief.

THE APPLICATION

The field is the world; hence the kingdom of heaven re-

lates to the whole world. It has meaning for the whole of humanity, for every person, and for the totality of the individual's life and of society. Persons who are not children of the kingdom are children of the evil one. The field, the world, belongs to the Son of man. The devil claims the world, but Christ has never acceded to his claim.

The devil is the enemy of Christ and does all he can to corrupt and to hinder the kingdom of heaven. He sows the seed of wickedness. But God in Christ, with infinite patience and long-suffering and wisdom, allows the children of the evil one to continue through this age. Many of these persons will respond to the truth in the gospel of Christ and become children of the kingdom of heaven. Many will not. The day of judgment separation will take place—the wicked to go away into everlasting torment and the righteous to be gathered into the eternal habitation and glory of their Redeemer.

Truths to Live By

The kingdom of heaven is dynamic life.—By the parable Jesus was teaching something about the nature of his kingdom. It is something alive and dynamic. It is marked by growth. It is a force in this world which is the life and

power and redemption and love and rule of Christ in the hearts of his people. In spite of the opposition of evil and the aggressive and deadly work of Satan, the kingdom of God is making progress. The reconciling love of Christ, the power of his cross, the redemptive truth of the gospel, the energies of the Holy Spirit, and the witness of the people of God are the means being used by the risen Lord to bring his kingdom toward fulfillment. And that fulfillment will come through his return and power and glory.

Christians must live in relation to evil.—It was necessary for Christ to come into the world of evil. His followers cannot expect to live in isolation from evil. They are meant to be examples and instruments of his redemption and righteousness. They are meant to live in relationship with evil men, not for communion but for communication, to witness to them the message of Christ's love and the reality of his salvation and the power of his kingdom. In the strength of the Lord and through the help of his Spirit, Christians can face evil and overcome it. They can be light in the midst of darkness, and thus they can be the means whereby the children of darkness are brought to Christ.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dan C. Hall, Secretary

Miss Martha Gene Shutt, Office Secretary

1965 Mississippi District Hymn Playing Festivals

DATES AND LOCATIONS

APRIL 8, 1965

First Baptist Church, Calhoun City; First Baptist Church, Columbus; First Baptist Church, Greenwood; First Baptist Church, Gulfport; First Baptist Church, Natchez.

APRIL 9, 1965

Clarksdale Baptist Church, Clarksdale; First Baptist Church, Louisville; First Baptist Church, McComb; Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo; First Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

APRIL 10, 1965

First Baptist Church, Booneville; First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson; Magnolia Street Baptist Church, Laurel; Poplar Springs Dr. Baptist Church, Meridian; First Baptist Church, Senatobia.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 8; Friday, April 9; Saturday, April 10
9:15 a.m. Registration
6:15 p.m. Festival Begins
6:30 p.m. Festival Begins
(*The festival at First Baptist, McComb begins at 5:45 p.m.)

RULES FOR HYMN PLAYERS

- The hymn playing festival is open to those in the Junior (9 through 12) and Intermediate (13 through 16) age-groups.
- Each participant selects one hymn to play. The hymn should be selected from either the Baptist Hymnal or Broadman Hymnal. Since 1965 is a year of emphasis on worship, it is suggested that hymns of general worship be used. (For example, a hymn may be selected from Section I, General Worship, pages 1-39, of the Baptist Hymnal. Or, one of the hymns of the month for 1965 may be chosen.)
- The hymn and variation should be memorized.
- The following procedure should be observed in playing the hymn:
 - Each participant, when it comes time for him to play, will announce the name of the hymn, the composer, and the key in which the hymn is written.
 - First, he will play the hymn as written.
 - Second, he will play the hymn while the congregation sings one stanza. (A song leader will be furnished.) A suitable introduction should be given. (A chord is permissible.)
 - Third, he will play a variation suitable for offertory either original or transcription. If a transcription is used, only a portion equal to the length of one stanza of the hymn should be played.
- The hymn player will be judged on the following ten points: memory, accuracy, smoothness, time, following leader, style and taste, foundation chords, striking keys together, variation, and general effect. The judging will be done constructively and not critically.
- There is no limit to the number of participants which may enter from a church.

REGISTRATION

Each participant should pre-register by April 1, 1965. This may be done by sending the information below to the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. When several participants enter from one church, it is requested that one person (music director, piano teacher) send all the information in an envelope for the participants. Furnish the following on each hymn player:

Name Age
Address (Street, Route, or Box No.) (City)
Church Association
Years of Piano Study
Which festival will you attend?
Music Director
Address
Piano Teacher
Address

The 1965 hymn playing festival program is being planned, conducted, and evaluated by a Hymn Playing Planning Group, Herbert Batson, chairman, in co-operation with the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, state music secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance

JANUARY 31, 1965

Aberdeen, 1st	324	119
Amory, 1st	392	127
Belden	140	46
Blythe Creek	74	24
Booneville, 1st	374	172
Main	312	126
Mission	295	111
Brandon, 1st	392	173
Bruce, 1st	334	139
Calhoun, 1st	412	179
Main	394	157
Mission	18	16
Carthage, 1st	246	102
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	620	193
Clinton, Morrison Hgts.	300	145
Columbus, 1st	651	222
Columbus, 1st	665	196
Crystal Springs, 1st	509	202
Greenville, Emmanuel	311	115
Greenwood, Parkview	433	124
Greenwood, North	542	207
Grenada, First	254	89
Gulfport, 1st	223	78
Grace Mem.	31	22
Northward	97	78
Hattiesburg	636	193
Ridgcrest	835	346
First	300	145
Main Street	118	45
North Main	11	11
Wayside	35	31
38th Ave.	178	79
University	258	155
Indianola, Second	241	101
Itta Bena, 1st	69	38
Jackson	184	66
Magnolia Park	1250	507
Forest Hill	100	100
Woodville Heights	1365	302
Broadmoor	269	88
Raymond Road	264	128
First	162	120
Robinson Street	577	244
Colonial Hgts.	348	132
Crestwood	577	244
McLaurin Hgts.	348	132
McLaurin Mission	162	120
Parkhill	577	244
Van Winkle	348	132
Highland	162	120
Ridgcrest	577	244
Southside	348	132
Calvary	1375	517
Mission	1009	408
Alta Woods	472	198
Oak Forest	469	207
West Jackson	237	106
McLaurin Rd.	516	210
Hillcrest	733	214
Woodland Hills	32	12
Flag Chapel	461	146
Kosciusko, 1st	450	141
Main	11	5
Maple Street	192	121
Laurel	303	99
Bethlehem	101	114
West Laurel	451	124
Plainway	361	90
Second Avenue	488	188
Main	411	220
Mission	447	168
Magnolia St.	291	112
Highland	69	38
Wildwood	202	75
Ludlow	24	22
Lyon	99	45
Roundway	163	109
Meridian	123	54
Fellowship	117	46
Westwood	173	108
Collinsville	150	50
Hickory Grove Chapel	349	133
Midway	21	17
Calvary	483	221
Main	358	162
Fewell Survey Miss.	515	200
Ping Springs Miss.	211	102
Fifteenth Avenue	65	39
Oakland Heights	154	66
Poplar Springs Drive	152	79
State Boulevard	138	113
Norton, 1st	10	10
Mountain Creek	169	120
(Rankin)	500	188
New Albany, Northside	16	16
Pearson	448	192
Petal, Crestview	347	126
Petal, Crestview	188	155
Petal, Crestview	143	79
Petal, Crestview	167	100
Petal, Crestview	915	409
Tupelo:	566	265
Calvary	336	136
East Heights	468	173
First	662	213
Harrisburg	458	190
Bowman Ave.	185	111
Trinity	581	229
West Point	396	145
Aberdeen, 1st	459	176
Amory, 1st	142	82
Belden	384	173
Booneville, 1st	312	129
Main	72	44
Crestwood	303	148
Calhoun City, 1st	230	121
Collins	345	164
Columbus, Fairview	161	112
Ellistown	613	223
Grenada, 1st	291	119
Iuka	465	138
Kosciusko, 1st	453	128
Main	10	10
Maple Street	433	197
Pontotoc, 1st	329	29
Prospect (Perry)	325	143
Ripley, First	269	44
Rocky Creek	353	165
Tupelo	523	202
East Heights	453	204
Calvary	453	204
First		

Oklahoma Entries Win Top Awards

RICHMOND (BP)—Material produced by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma carried away more top awards than any other entries made by members at the annual judging by the (Southern) Baptist Public Relations Association.

The judging was connected with the association's annual workshop, held this year in Richmond, with the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board as host.

The association elected J. C. Durham, secretary, Department of Promotion, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, as president succeeding R. T. (Dick) McCartney of Dallas.

George H. Smith of Howard College (Baptist), Birmingham, was elected membership vice-president. As the new program vice-president, John Goodwin of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be in charge of planning the workshop which will meet in 1966 in Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19-21.

Bible Distribution Up In Japan

Figures just released in Tokyo show 1964 distribution of Bibles and portions of the Bible totaled four million copies, an all-time high, in Japan. Christians number less than 1 per cent of the population. (EBPS)

Music In Worship The Prelude

By Frances Winters

Far from being a pastime for early arrivals or a cover for "the noise of people entering church," the service prelude can be the most important instrumental number of the worship service if the worshipers will use it for its intended purposes.

Part of the participation desired of those churchgoers who become worshipers is that they prepare for worship and enter God's presence properly. This involves not only their sense of need for God and their coming to the appointed place at the appointed time. It expects outward and inward cleanliness of those who would ascend unto the hill of the Lord. (Ps. 24:4) It involves coming before Him in faith and with thanksgiving. (Ps. 100:2; Ps. 95 and 100) It involves coming before God in awe, reverence and conviction of his attributes. (Ps. 45:11; Josh. 4:24; Acts 2:37; Ps. 5:7) It involves entry into His presence in meditative, active, expectant silence. (Hab. 2:20; Ps. 46:10) This is the spirit and mood

which the prelude serves as an aid to worship.

Worship is fellowship with God, not man. Proper fellowship with man results when relationships with God have been renewed and made right. Not all Christians really expect a genuine encounter with God in the worship service, and not being prepared they often do not find it.

The prelude gives opportunity for this preparation. The prelude is the call to order. Conversations with man should cease when the prelude begins so that those present may focus and concentrate attention on God. The prelude is to serve as preparation in mind and mood for the service and experience which follow. Here is opportunity for the worshiper to set aside the trials of the world and become aware of God. The prelude provides a time for meditation and prayer which is distinctly that of each individual worshiper as he prepares his own heart. Too few churchgoers allow this music to serve them well.

The American Cancer Society has reported that more than 1.3 million living Americans have been cured of cancer and that 700,000 more would be cured within five years. Except for cancer of the lung, pancreas, and leukemia, cancer death rates in general are leveling off and,

in some cases, going down. Smoking was cited as the major cause for the increase in lung cancer.

A total of 187 new mission areas were entered in 1963 by the three major Lutheran bodies in this country.

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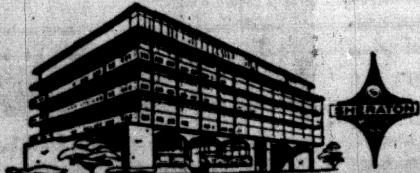
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IN THE HEART OF THE MEDICAL CENTER

DEVOTION—

God Loves That Way

By Dr. R. T. Blackstock, Jr.,
Pastor's Assistant, First Church, Jackson

With ease and confidence John 3:16 can be quoted even by those who are vaguely acquainted with scripture. But to define, and understand completely the meaning of God's love referred to in this verse is beyond the ability of the best students of the Bible. The song writer made an effort at such definition in saying:

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.

One difficulty which hinders our understanding of God's love is to think of it primarily in terms of quantity. Thus we think of how much God loves man. Though the idea of quantity may be true, the how much may not be meaningful as the kind.

The emphasis upon how much leads one to think of God's love in terms of man's love—with God possessing a greater supply.

John 3:16 has more to say about God's love than just the amount of love involved.

It is the kind of love that could find expression only in the self-giving of God himself in the revelation of Jesus Christ. Therefore it is a love which man could not have discovered nor imagined; but God had to reveal it if it would ever become known.

"For in such a manner did God love the world, inasmuch that His Son, the uniquely begotten One, He gave..." (The New Testament An Expanded Translation)

But God's love for man did not end with the coming of Christ. God IS love. And he wants to give man a new kind of life by means of his kind of love. God loves that way.

Names In The News

R. Othal Feather, professor of education administration at Southwestern Seminary since 1947, has accepted the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board to serve as guest professor and to provide leadership in various church programs in the Middle East during the spring semester. He will teach religious education and educational evangelism courses at the Arab Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon, from Feb. 16 through June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethea Fielding of Piedmont, Alabama, have resigned their position as Minister of Music and Youth, to accept duties in the same capacity at College Heights Church, of Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Fielding is the former Sandra Coker of Phila., Miss. They have two daughters, Marketta, 4 years, and Monica, 3 months.

Bill D. Moyers, Marshall, Texas, an ordained Baptist minister who serves as aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson, has been named one of five outstanding young men of Texas by the state's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Baptist Pastor Is Inducted

Rev. Hans Pfeifer, German minister who served several years as a missionary pastor in Brazil, was inducted January 10 as pastor of the 28-member Baptist mission congregation in Graz, Austria. Rev. Ferdinand Schalk, minister of First Baptist Church in Vienna, which is responsible for the work in Graz, conducted the service. Graz is Austria's second largest city. —(EBPS)

NORTH CAROLINA STUDIES COLLEGE CAPITAL NEEDS

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has authorized the appointment of a 28-member advisory group to study capital needs in the convention's seven colleges.

W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, general secretary-treasurer, has said the advisory committee would not be pushed for a report or for recommendations. "I do not foresee any recommendations from this committee to our convention next November, but perhaps something will be ready by the spring of 1966. If so, a special convention can be called."

In another action, the board petitioned the 1965 general assembly "to make no changes in the laws relating to the manufacture of whiskey in North Carolina nor to the sale of whiskey by the drink."

Preacher To Use Turbine Vehicle

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., (BP)—Things have come a long way since Baptist preachers traveled by foot or horseback to carry on their ministry.

Alton H. McEachern, pastor of Westmoreland Baptist Church here, is one of 200 people in the United States who will drive an experimental turbine automobile for 90 days.

Chrysler Corp. selected the

DR. BRYAN TO LEAD TOUR

A Mississippi tour to Europe, Near East, and Bible lands is being offered by Dr. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg. The 24-day tour via jet will leave Jackson on June 9.

The tour will include visits to London, Athens, Cairo, Beirut, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Damascus, Tel Aviv, Rome, Zurich (and the International Baptist Seminary), Lucerne, Paris, and New York.

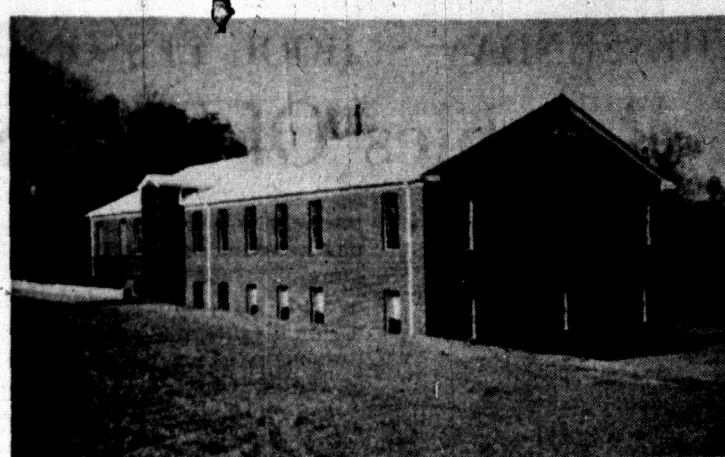
The tour price of \$1630 includes all costs/roundtrip from Jackson. Included are transportation, sightseeing, all meals, tips, deluxe hotels, transfers, airport taxes, and many "bonus features." All expenses in New York are included, plus tickets to the World's Fair and other attractions.

The itinerary was planned by Dr. Bryan and based on his previous travels abroad. He and Mrs. Bryan will be assisted by native guides in each country. Special religious services are planned at inspirational places in the Bible lands.

Several churches are planning to send their pastors on this panoramic tour. It is arranged so a pastor will not miss more than three Sundays away from his pulpit.

Colorful brochures will be sent to those making request. The tour party is limited and is filling quite rapidly, Dr. Bryan stated.

drivers from among 30,000 who wrote in volunteering to operate the new type vehicles.



Washington Church Dedicates Newly Constructed Building

On Sunday, January 17, at the regular morning worship hour, the Washington Church held a dedication service for their newly constructed church building.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Dr. E. R. Pinson, head of the Department of Religion at Mississippi College. Also participating on the program was Rev. E. O. Smith, a former pastor of the church, and currently serving as pastor of Clayton Church, Clayton, Louisiana.

An "Open House" for the public was held during the afternoon from two until four.

The new site of the church is on an eight acre plot acquired in 1960, and is located on Highway 84 East at Washington. The building is a two story brick - veneer structure and has a floor space of 8232 square feet. It provides for educational facilities and an interim auditorium with a seating capacity of 250.

The building includes provisions for five adult class rooms; a Young People and Intermediate department with four class rooms each; a Junior department with four class rooms; three Primary departments; two Beginner departments; three Nurseries; a church office, pastor's study, and five restrooms.

Alaska Gifts Up

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)—Cooperative Program receipts in the 19-year-old Alaska Baptist Convention amounted to a record \$43,288 in 1964. The 28½ per cent increase over the previous year was the largest ever recorded in the convention.

Canterbury To Tour Russia

Dr. Kermit Canterbury, pastor of Griffith Memorial Church in Jackson, plans to spend the month of August in Russia as a member of a group that will tour that country.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. W. O. Vaught, Little Rock, Arkansas, are conductors of the tour that will include Leningrad, Moscow, Odessa, Kharkov, Kiev in Russia as well as cities in England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

Dr. Vought states that twelve or fourteen men will be asked to make up the group that will study Baptist life in Russia. Another highlight of the trip will be fifteen evening conferences planned to explore "the deeper Christian life."

Another highlight is an observance of the twentieth anniversary of V. J. Day in London. Dr. Canterbury, a former chaplain with 82nd Airborne Division, recalls this unique experience. War had ceased in Europe four months earlier. He inveigled a trip to London, telling his commanding officer that he would celebrate the end of the war there. Yes, he arrived on the very day and found a celebration beyond description.

Dr. Kermit Canterbury has been at Griffith church for eight years.

TRIBUTE TO BROOKS NOBLE

Brooks Noble, 23, was injured in an explosion of firecrackers on December 31, 1964, and died during the following night. Funeral services were held January 4, with his pastor, Dr. Allen Webb, officiating.

Brooks, a student at Hinds Junior College, was an active member of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, particularly in the field of music.

Survivors include his parents, Maudie Lee and Garland Noble, Jackson, (also members of Daniel Memorial), and one sister, Judith (Mrs. Dell Dowell of Murray, Kentucky).

His parents have written concerning Brooks, "Our precious son's light step, his cheery voice, and the smile he always had are things that are hard to live without. He was so dependable, and we had come to lean on him. His time was anybody's time who needed it, and especially the Lord's. How he loved the church!"

"We wish to thank our many friends for calls, cards, and visits that mean so much, and that help to ease our pain in facing days and nights without him."

Revival Dates

McArthur Street Church, Pascagoula; March 1-7; Rev.

Manley Beasley (pictured) full-time evangelist, preaching Price Harris, minister of music at Satsuma, Alabama, in charge of music; Rev. Ronnie Herrod, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Among teen-agers, almost 75 per cent are in school.

Wind Damages New Radio-TV Construction

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Gusting winds blew down a 130-foot long concrete block east wall of the new Radio and Television Commission building now under construction about 4:20 p. m. Monday of last week in Fort Worth.

Two Negro workmen injured slightly in the freak accident were at work bracing the wall when it tumbled. Melvin Rabb, 37, of 5504 Kilpatrick, was dismissed after overnight treatment for a cut on his back. Willie Washington, 60, of 3017 Loving, remained in fair condition in the intensive care ward of Harris Hospital with head and shoulder abrasions.

W. G. Smith, foreman of the construction project for Albert Smith Construction Co., was on another part of the wall when the wind hit. He said it happened so suddenly there was no time to warn anybody. Smith indicated the accident will not hamper the scheduled June completion.

Larry White, of the architectural firm, Hueppelshouser and White, said the wall was completely covered by insurance and that it will be rebuilt immediately.

Dr. Paul Stevens, director of the commission, is in California on a filming project and was not available for comment.

Architectural Clinics Planned

CHICAGO, Illinois—Church architectural form, its bearing on worship and religious education, and how the individual church can achieve the right answer to its building needs will be explored in plenary sessions and a series of clinics at the 26th National Conference on Church Architecture. The conference will be held April 27, 28 and 29 at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago. More than 1200 church architects, ecclesiastical craftsmen, clergymen, church executives and laymen from across the nation will attend.



RECEIVES DEGREE—Charles A. Tidwell (third from left) receives his doctoral hood from (l to r) Joe Davis Heacock, dean, School of Religious Education; Leon Marsh, chairman, graduate studies, School of Religious Education; and Robert E. Naylor, seminary president. Dr. Tidwell is a former Mississippian, now employed by the Sunday School Board in Nashville.



DUNCAN NOTEBURNING—Left to right, J. T. Oswalt, deacon; Elgin Lester, treasurer and trustee; Rev. Odie Henderson, pastor; T. N. Boschert, chairman of deacons; M. D. Dunn, deacon; Harry Boschert, deacon. Others not included in picture are, J. R. Wolfe, trustee and retired deacon; T. M. Boschert, trustee; B. B. Durr, deacon; C. W. Boschert, Jr., deacon.

DUNCAN CHURCH BURNS NOTE

A note burning representing the retirement of all indebtedness on the Duncan Church building was a part of the morning worship hour Sunday January 10.

The last payment on the \$25,000.00 indebtedness on the approximately \$70,000.00 structure was made in December. This was made possible when the church exceeded a Thanksgiving Note Retirement Goal of \$3,030.00 by \$1,200.00, according to Rev.

Odie Henderson, pastor.

The church was organized May 30, 1913, and soon moved into a building which it occupied until moving into the present structure in 1956. There will be a formal dedication service for the building at a date to be announced later in the spring.

Mrs. Van Lester, a charter member of the church, is assisting the Historical Committee in compiling an accurate history of the church.



AT IUKA CHURCH Mrs. Bertha Newcomb, WMS president, hands a check for \$1,912.22 to James L. Broughton, treasurer, as the church's contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The goal was \$1,207.50, a record goal which was exceeded by over \$700. The church has let a contract for a new \$150,000 sanctuary, according to the pastor, Rev. Bobby Burrell. In addition, they have voted to raise Cooperative Program giving from 16 to 18 per cent of the total budget.

New Booklet On Mentally Retarded Now Available

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri—An intensified ministry to the mentally retarded by Missouri Baptists through their office of special ministries has produced a new publication, "A Church's Ministry to Mentally Retarded."

The 30-page booklet is an effort to assist Baptist churches in a ministry to both the severely retarded in church and the profoundly retarded at home, and their families. It not only offers a general discussion of mental retardation and the responsibility of the churches, but also presents a program for the local church in its ministry to retarded persons.

Free copies of the booklet are available according to supply from the Office of Special Ministries, Baptist Building, 213 Adams, Jefferson City, Missouri.



DR. T. R. McKIBBENS, pastor, First Church, Laurel, stands beside the display board used to promote the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The goal for 1964 was \$4,500, about \$200 more than was received in 1963. The total amount of the offering was \$4,611.64, and the pastor was privileged to turn on the last of the lights, indicating that the goal had been reached.